

AMERICANS ARE LAX IN LANGUAGE STUDY

Consul Nash, of Venice, Compares Colleges With Those of Italy.

METHODS NOT PRACTICAL

Says Too Much Time is Wasted and Results Are Not Obtained.

"If one desires to learn a language for the sole purpose of reading it intelligently and appreciating the points of its literature, then the method employed in American colleges is satisfactory. If, however, one's object is to be able to use the language for practical purposes it is obvious that an enormous amount of time is wasted by American students."

The foregoing comment is made by Consul Paul Nash, of Venice, published this morning in the daily consular reports of the Department of Commerce and Labor. He suggests that an interesting comparison may be made between results of instruction in foreign languages in Italy and the United States, showing the practical superiority of the former.

Consul Nash says that not one-tenth of the hundreds of well-educated Americans who pass through Venice yearly are capable of speaking a dozen connected words of anything but English. This, he says, is the result of teaching French and German in much the same manner that Latin and Greek are taught.

Pupils of the Royal School of Commerce, in Venice, declares the consul, after one year's instruction in English, are able to understand and to make themselves understood, and at the end of the second year converse with comparative fluency.

M'FARLAND PROMOTED BY STILLINGS' ORDER

Becomes General Superintendent of Press Rooms, Ranking With Foreman of Printery.

By the terms of a general order promulgated at the Government Printing Office yesterday afternoon by Public Printer Stillings, H. C. McFarland becomes general superintendent of the press rooms, subject only to the personal direction of the Public Printer.

The effect of the new order is to place Superintendent McFarland in the same class as the foreman of printing and the foreman of binding, instead of being subordinate to the first named.

The delivery division in charge of J. M. E. Brown, and the counting division under P. P. Paulsen, are transferred by the same order to the supervision of Mr. McFarland.

It is also provided that in cases of emergency, the foreman of printing may give orders in relation to press work.

Mr. McFarland contemplates a general reorganization of the various divisions under his jurisdiction, and some of them will be consolidated, it is reported.

WISCONSIN STARS TURN PROFESSIONALS

Vanderboom, Findlay, and Roseth to Receive \$600 Apiece for Four Football Games.

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 25.—Three of the stars of last year's Wisconsin football team will be members of a professional football organization that will play four exhibition games in Ohio and Pennsylvania during the next few weeks. Vanderboom, captain and half-back; Findlay, half-back and Roseth, full-back last year, are the men that were chosen from the Wisconsin team, and Maxwell, formerly of Chicago, and others of the same football ability will be other members of the team.

Findlay and Vanderboom are the Wisconsin men sure to go, and Roseth is expected to accept the offer. It is understood that for the four games to be played each man will receive in the neighborhood of \$600 each.

The four games will be at Massillon and Canton, Ohio, and Pittsburg, Pa., with probably one at some other Ohio town where these professional games are played every year.

WING ALFONG'S WIDOW ACCUSES SONS-IN-LAW

Mother of Thirteen Among Sisters Ready to Fight for Husband's Million Dollar Estate.

HONOLULU, Oct. 25.—Mrs. Wing Alfong, mother of the thirteen famous Ah Fong sisters, asserts that four of her sons-in-law choked her in an effort to force her into signing a document relinquishing control of the property given to her by her husband.

The elder Alfong left more than \$1,000,000 worth of sugar stocks and other valuable holdings, to be divided among his children and wife, who remained in Honolulu when he departed, in 1890, to reside permanently in China. He is known to have possessed much more property. It is likely that steps will now be taken by his family to secure more of his estate.

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FIRE TUG TEST AT ALEXANDRIA

Successful Demonstration of Apparatus for Water Front Emergencies.

CHIEF BELT WAS IN CHARGE

Firefighter Does All That Was Expected in Satisfactory Manner.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., Oct. 25.—The fire tug "Firefighter" arrived off this city at 9 o'clock this morning and docked at the Cameron street wharf. Pipe was laid up Cameron street and a demonstration given of her ability to fight fire along the river front here. The test was very satisfactory, the tug doing all that was expected of it. Chief Belt was in charge of the test.

Sentenced for Vagrancy.

In the police court this morning, Justice Harry B. Caton presiding, Everett Stanton, Pearl Hawkins, and Estelle Bouy, all colored, were sent to jail for sixty days on the charge of vagrancy.

B. & O. Employees Out.

The transfer system between this city and Shepherd's having been discontinued, the employees in that service have been discharged, with the exception of the engineer and fireman of the tug boat Brewerton. It has not yet been decided by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad what disposition will be made of the Brewerton.

Allison W. C. T. U. Meeting.

Allison Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a meeting at the Children's Home, corner Duke and Royal streets, this afternoon. Tonight the regular weekly prayer meeting will be held at the home.

Sexton Appointed.

William T. Emerson has been appointed superintendent of St. Paul's Cemetery, vice Emanuel Webb, deceased.

Attending Meeting of Vets.

Alexander Lyles is in Roanoke, having gone to that city to attend the meeting of the Grand Camp, Confederate Veterans.

Knights of Columbus Meet.

A largely attended meeting of Fitzgerald Council, Knights of Columbus, was held at St. Mary's Hall, in South Royal street last night. New by-laws were adopted and other business transacted.

FRANK W. MACK DEAD; VICTIM OF CONSUMPTION

SANTA ANNA, Cal., Oct. 25.—Frank W. Mack, for many years a newspaper man well known throughout the Eastern States, and formerly superintendent of the Eastern division of the Associated Press, died last night of consumption.

COLORADO RIVER CURVED; COST RAILROAD \$1,000,000

IMPERIAL, Cal., Oct. 25.—The Colorado river ran back into its old channel, leading to the Gulf of California, yesterday, for the first time in two years. The Salton sea is now in a fair way to become drained. The Southern Pacific undertook to turn the water into its channel, and at last, after many discouragements, has succeeded, at a cost of \$1,000,000.

Died.

BOSWELL.—On Wednesday, October 24, 1906, at Brookland, D. C., ERNEST L. BOSWELL.

Particulars in another column.

HANLEIN.—On October 24, 1906, at 4:35 p. m., WILLIAM RAY HANLEIN, beloved son of J. Harry and Regia Ray Hanlein, at their residence, 700 G street southeast.

A little ray of sunshine.

Of whom we felt so proud.

Has gladdened for just a few short days.

Then went behind a cloud.

Onward to heaven.

Funeral private.

It

JULIUS.—On Tuesday, October 23, 1906, at Georgetown, Oaxaca, Mexico, BEULAH B. BEEVER, wife of Carl Edward Julius and sister of Mrs. Ernest H. Elliot, Mrs. William Osborn, Mabel A., and William Saunders, of Washington, D. C.

Particulars in another column.

LEWIS.—On Tuesday, October 23, 1906, at 6 o'clock a. m., EVERETT STEWART, only child of E. T. and Anna Lewis, aged three years and three months.

MIX.—On Wednesday, October 24, 1906, at her late residence, 1317 Thirty-first street north-west, MARTHA E., daughter of the late Charles E. and Catherine S. Mix.

She was a daughter of the late Charles E. Mix, and had been ill about two months with Bright's disease and pneumonia. She had been confined to the bed, however, for but three weeks. Miss Mix was about sixty-five years of age, and is survived by one sister and five brothers. She was a lifelong member of Christ Episcopal Church of Georgetown, and was an ardent church worker. She had resided in Georgetown all her life.

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GOMPERS WON'T QUIT HIS WORK ON STUMP

The statement was made at the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor today that the stories sent out from Indianapolis that President Gompers was disgusted with the political situation and would quit the stump were inspired by the opponents of organized labor. Secretary Morrison said to a Times reporter that President Gompers had completed his itinerary and was returning to Washington after meeting with great success. The crowds he addressed were enthusiastic, showing that labor is heart and soul in the political campaign inaugurated by the A. F. of L., and would support labor's candidates for Congress, said Mr. Morrison.

COMMITTED TO ASYLUM FOR AN INVESTIGATION

David Pratt, colored, forty-two years old, of Morvin, Va., who called at Police Headquarters yesterday, and, after a short conversation with Detective Weardon, was arrested on a charge of insanity, was this morning committed to the Washington Asylum Hospital for further observation. Pratt told the detective that he was the inventor of numerous patents on clothing for soldiers in the United States army, and fifty-two enemies had called at the Patent Office recently and represented themselves as Pratt. He wanted warrants sworn out for all of them.

SATURDAYS IN BED FOR THIS BAD BOY

BOSTON, Oct. 25.—In the new juvenile court today Judge Baker sentenced a boy who stole a bicycle to spend Saturdays in bed. He is to attend school as usual all the week, but after supper on Friday night he must say his prayers and retire to his room, there to remain in a reclining position until at least cock crow Sunday mornings. This is to continue until further notice. The boy's mother has declared herself in favor of the sentence.

WE MUST VACATE Our Store, 506 9th St.

The entire stock of the Goodyear Raincoat Company must be sold by Saturday night, as the United Cloak and Suit Company demands the store.

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Men's \$7.00 Raincoats, latest styles. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$1.73	Ladies' \$9.50 Raincoats in the latest styles. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$2.98
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Men's \$11.00 Raincoats, very handsome. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$5.45	Ladies' \$23.50 Cravenettes in 20 different styles. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$8.40
Men's \$19.00 Genuine Cravenette Raincoats. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$7.95	Ladies' Priestley Cravenettes, exclusive styles; \$28.75 values. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$11.23
Men's \$28.00 Satin-lined Cravenette Raincoats, in gray, tan, or black. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$11.15	The very highest grade of Ladies' Priestley Cravenettes. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$12.48
The very highest grade Raincoats made for men; silk lined. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$12.35	Boys' and Girls' Raincoats; \$3.00 and \$4.00 values. Until 10 o'clock Saturday night.....	\$1.25

Men's \$25 and \$30 Paddock Raincoats, \$9.00
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Giant Baby Boy at Birth Tips Beam at 22 Pounds

Fifth in Family of Infant Prodigies Arrives at New York City Home.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—When Ike Lurbasky, 149 Ridge street, reached his home last night, he was met on the steps by something less than the population of the East Side, who greeted him with:

"It is here."

Mr. Lurbasky trudged up three flights of stairs to investigate and discovered that "it" was a new baby boy and almost a giant among babies.

Dr. Sprinker placed the infant upon the scales. They creaked and then broke. Another pair was purchased and the indicator maintained its mark at twenty-two pounds.

The new boy will be christened Mau-

LURBASKY KIDS' WEIGHT WHEN THEY WERE BORN.

	Pounds.
Fifth and latest, boy.....	22
Fourth, girl.....	18
Third, boy.....	16
Second, girl.....	14
First, boy.....	13
Total.....	83

rice, fifth of the house of Lurbasky. The others, two boys and two girls, also were prodigies. The first, a boy, weighed thirteen pounds; the second, a girl, fourteen pounds; the third, a boy, sixteen pounds, and the fourth, a girl, eighteen pounds. The youngest boy and girl are dead.

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Women's Waists of figured madras; open front; three broad tucks on either side; sizes 34 to 44. Price, 69c each.

37½c White Silk Cord Poppins, 19c.
This Beautiful White Silk-finished Cotton Fabric is specially adapted for waists; 28 inches wide and will launder. A 37½c kind, yard..... 19c

Women's Underwear.
35c for 50c Jersey-fitting Fleece-lined Vests and Pants.
50c for 75c Richelle Ribbed Medium-weight Vests and Pants; vests high neck with long or short sleeves; pants ankle or knee length.

Corsets, 59c.
A lot of C. B. Thompson Glove-fitting Corsets, of batiste and coutil; high and low bust; short, medium, and dip hip. Value up to \$1.50.

25c Skirt Patterns, 19c.
A full pattern made of superior quality outing flannel, with crochet edge. Light and dark colors. First quality. Our regular 25c kind..... 19c

75c Short Knit Underskirts, 49c.
Of cotton; Shades: Light blue, pink, red, gray and black. Finished with fancy border; good width and length.

Women's Flannelette Gowns, 49c.
In stripes of light blue and pink. Yoke front and back; finished with collar, neatly trimmed; full sleeve; excellent width and length. Sizes 15, 16 and 17.

Black Cheviot, \$1.59.
54-inch All-wool Black Cheviot, heavy weight, for coat suits; \$1.50 usual price.

Black Panama, 98c.
54-inch All-wool Black Chiffon Panama, for separate skirts; a dust shaker; \$1.25 usual price.

Black Batiste, 48c.
36-inch All-wool Black Batiste (soft finish) for separate waists; 90c usual price.

Wool Blanket, \$3.48.
11-4, in white and gray; red, blue, and pink borders; usual price, \$4.25.

Swiss Curtains, 49c.
Ruffled Swiss Curtains; three styles; three, five, and seven tucks; sides and bottom; an effective drape for bed room; 75c usual price.

Lace Curtains, 98c.
SCOTCH LACE CURTAINS—Point d'esprit and Irish point effects; 54 inches wide; 2½ yards long; strong net; heavy effective borders; \$1.25 usual price.

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